

RESOLUTION NO. 20080424-065

WHEREAS, the Austin History Center, as the local history collection of the Austin Public Library, provides our community with information about the history and current events of Austin and Travis County; and

WHEREAS, since 1955, the Austin History Center has grown from a few file drawers housed in the former central library, to a renowned archival collection filling every corner of the beautiful Italian Renaissance Revival building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Austin History Center cannot continue to serve as the collective memory of our vibrant community without additional room for the collection's growth, and

WHEREAS, our community's recent commitment to invest in a new central library has resulted in a fantastic opportunity to plan for future expansion of the Austin History Center into the adjacent John Henry Faulk Central Library building, and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion may allow for continued archival collection, as well as additional space for programming and exhibits, so that the public may be aware of the scope and importance of the archives; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:


The Council supports the Austin History Center Association's effort to fund and conduct a feasibility study for an expansion of the Austin History Center into the current John Henry Faulk Central Library building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That if the proposed project is feasible and sufficient funding is available, the Austin City Council supports the re-dedication of the current Faulk Library building for future expansion of the Austin History Center once a new central library is completed.

ADOPTED: April 24, 2008

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk